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WEDNESDAY EVENING.

TOPEKA, KANSAS, FEBRUARY 16, 1910.

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TWO CENTS.

TOPEKA NAMES

People Clamored to Sign Popular "Insurgent" Petitions.

City Clerk Burge Gave Back Over 500 Names.

DIDN'T NEED THEM.

Estimated That Reformers Secured 3,000 Signers.

Has Had Effect of Stimulating the Registration.

City Clerk C. B. Burge narrowly escaped burial in the quicksand of petitions which flooded his office when he dropped his pen and quit work at the city hall last night.

Never before in the history of city politics has the office of the city clerk witnessed such an avalanche of petitions for members of the school board. Tuesday was the last day for the filing of these nomination papers and when Mr. Burge finally attempted to leave his office last night he found himself half buried in the papers filled with hundreds of signatures.

And it was clearly an "insurgent quicksand." The women of the city who helped bring out a school board ticket the last minute and circulated petitions for it evidently carried the city by storm.

The required number of signatures to each petition was about 250. The petitions handed to City Clerk Burge contained at least 400 names each. And it was necessary for the city clerk to tell the women that more names were simply superfluous. As a result, the supporters of the "Reform" ticket withheld at least 600 names which could have been used for the candidates.

They decided that as long as their legal points had been carried out there was little use of filing the whole list.

With but two days to work in, in behalf of their candidates the women and their friends gathered together in total about 3,000 names for the candidates. This is a record breaker for school board petitions.

An examination of the "Regular" ticket shows a sufficient number of names—and that is about all. It is not known whether or not they held back any names.

The remarkable thing about the petitions is that not one of them contained the name of a Democrat. Every petition was filed in behalf of the Republicans. The Democrats evidently will have no candidates for the school board.

As a tribute to the work of the ladies and the insurgents, Mayor Green stated today that it was through their work for the school board yesterday and their spirit that a large number of the voters were registering and promising their appearance at the polls.

"What we want to make the commission form of government a success in Topeka is to have a large vote," said the mayor. "We want the largest vote in the history of the city and from the sentiment displayed at this time I feel confident that we will believe the coming election will set a new record for Topeka. The enthusiasm of the women in their campaign for the school board will result in the breaking of all former records."

The school board ticket stands as it did a few days ago when the State Journal gave the list of candidates for which petitions would be circulated. For reference and policy the following names should be clipped out and pasted in plain sight.

Insurgents: Charles S. Sullivan, 1st ward; C. C. Nicholson, 2nd ward; John H. Linn, 3rd ward; E. H. Anderson, 4th ward; E. F. C. Hardy, 5th ward; S. M. Sage, 6th ward; G. D. Gray, 7th ward.

Regulars: Charles S. Sullivan, 1st ward; C. C. Nicholson, 2nd ward; John H. Linn, 3rd ward; E. H. Anderson, 4th ward; E. F. C. Hardy, 5th ward; S. M. Sage, 6th ward; G. D. Gray, 7th ward.

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ON ELEPHANT HUNT.

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Gondokoro, Soudan, on the Upper Nile. Feb. 15.—The Smithsonian African scientific expedition is expected to arrive here at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. Before news of the hour of arrival was brought by a special runner who reached here today.

Colonel Roosevelt and Kermit Roosevelt left the expedition for a day's hunting of elephants and giant elks at Rojaf, on the Congo side of the Bar-El-Jebel. Rojaf is a few miles to the south and west of this place and the hunters have invaded the territory upon the special and eagerly accepted invitation of the Belgian authority.

Colonel Roosevelt and Kermit are accompanied in the Congo by E. H. Haddon, the British district commissioner stationed at Murrumbidgee. Commissioner Haddon met the expedition at Kiba camp 15 miles to the south of Gondokoro. A commodious brick house has been placed at the disposal of Mr. Roosevelt.

Nine runners in the van of the expedition have arrived.

MALCOLM MOORE KILLED

He Lived Six Miles Northwest of Wakarusa.

Auburn, Kan., Feb. 16.—Malcolm Moore, who lives about six miles northwest of Wakarusa, was killed today about three miles east of Auburn, accompanied by his oldest daughter, Lena, backed his wagon up to his silo to get a load of grain. As he was backing, a strong gust of wind blew the silo over and Mr. Moore was caught under the frame structure and instantly killed. His daughter ran to the house, about 100 yards away, for help, but when assistance came he was dead. Mr. Moore had lived at Wakarusa all his life. He was about 40 years ago he had his leg broken in a hay baler.

Mr. Moore was 39 years old, and 11 years ago married Miss Kate Hoppe of Auburn. He leaves his wife and three children, Lena, aged 7, Anna, aged 5, and Hughie, a few months old. The funeral arrangements will be announced later, the interment being at Auburn.

REAL COLD WAVE.

Mercury Drops 45 Degrees in 24 Hours.

Slipping from the 53 degree mark which it attained yesterday morning, the temperature in the 24 hours ending at 7 o'clock this morning dropped to 8 degrees above—a fall of 45 degrees in 24 hours. This was not the coldest. Between 8 and 9 o'clock this morning the mercury dropped to the 7 above point. The government thermometer has showed a temperature of 3 degrees every hour today until noon.

At 1 o'clock it was 9 degrees above zero and the same temperature prevailed at 2 o'clock.

"This cold," said the local weather dispenser, "extends from Topeka to the North pole. There can be no more April weather until something happens to break up this cold and nothing has so far appeared. The forecast is for snow tonight and Thursday and not much change in temperature. If there is snow there will be some change in temperature. No change, no snow to speak of as it is too cold. A few flakes of snow have fallen today. More of them are expected. In case the sky is clear to night, lower temperature must be expected than occurred last night. The lowest temperature of the year is not far off. It is about 10 below zero. I guess we won't miss it this time."

The storm center which resulted in the present cold wave moved 1,200 miles in the 24 hours ending 7 o'clock this morning. It jumped from Boise, Idaho, to Davenport, Iowa, in this time. No relief is in sight. The wind is blowing only 15 miles an hour today, instead of 36 miles as was the case yesterday afternoon. The storm is declared to be due to an area of high barometric pressure in the Medicine Hat district.

Following are the hourly temperatures today:

7 o'clock	.....	8 1/2 o'clock	.....	8
8 o'clock	.....	9 1/2 o'clock	.....	8
9 o'clock	.....	10 1/2 o'clock	.....	8
10 o'clock	.....	11 o'clock	.....	9

MURDER TRIAL BEGUN.

C. W. Humbert Being Tried for Killing J. E. Harberts.

Marysville, Kan., Feb. 16.—The trial of C. W. Humbert charged with the murder of J. E. Harberts, Frankfort last September, was begun yesterday in the district court. The killing took place on the principal business street of Frankfort and was witnessed by a large number of persons. Humbert and Harberts were contractors on the Topeka-Marysville cutoff of the Union Pacific and they quarreled frequently.

Humbert shot Harberts three times with a revolver. The case will probably occupy the court the rest of this week, as there will be a large number of witnesses.

The hearing of testimony in the case was resumed in the district court yesterday afternoon. R. G. Sholtz told of the shooting. Humbert then fired the third shot. Humbert backed up against the store building and said:

"That man has threatened my life for weeks and I've got him now." Humbert then gave his revolver to a bystander and surrendered. Nine other witnesses were examined. Few of them saw the shooting.

Hattie Harberts, the widow of the man who was murdered, said the morning of the day of the shooting Humbert came to the Harberts' camp and shot her husband. She said he was not, but had been near the camp the day before. Humbert told Mrs. Harberts that he was afraid Harberts had come to the camp with him over money matters on which there had been a dispute between the two men. Mrs. Harberts told Humbert that she believed that was no trouble. Humbert told Mrs. Harberts that Harberts had threatened him and said that if he made any trouble he would kill him.

Mrs. Harberts testified that Humbert and Harberts had worked together frequently on railroad work and that there had been any trouble between them until the disagreement over the amount due Harberts. Harberts asserted \$500 was due him; Humbert asserted Harberts was not. She also said her husband did not carry a revolver.

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HE PLAYED CARDS.

Rev. John Daniels Too Worldly and Is Forced Out of Church.

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SHOOTS HERSELF.

Miss Agnes Elkins, Niece of the W. Va., Senator,

Attempts Suicide in a Hotel at Kansas City.

SHE WROTE A NOTE

Saying She Was Tired of Life and Without Friends.

The Doctors Say She Has a Chance to Live.

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 16.—Miss Agnes Elkins, a niece of United States Senator Stephen B. Elkins of West Virginia, shot herself today at her room at a local hotel. The bullet passed through her body below the heart. The physicians believe she has a chance for life.

A note found on the dressing table read:

"I am tired of life and have no home or friends."

Miss Elkins is 25 years of age. Her mother died about a year ago and shortly afterward she went to New York, against the wishes of her relatives in this city to apply for an engagement on the stage. Senator Elkins induced her to visit him at Elkins, W. Va., but could not change her determination to become an actress. She returned two weeks ago to prosecute a damage suit against the Metropolitan Street Railway company for \$25,000 for injuries received a year ago, but the case was postponed.

Why Miss Elkins tried to end her life is not known. She bought a revolver and later wrote several letters. Last night she entertained friends in her apartment and told them as they departed, jokingly, said that she was considering suicide. They laughed at her. After the revolver shot was heard Miss Elkins was found lying across the bed.

SIXTH ONE DIES.

Strange Fatality Attends Those Connected With Capitol Bribery Case.

Harrisburg, Pa., Feb. 16.—The strange fatality that has pursued some of the principal figures in the capitol scandal was again brought to public mind today when John E. Stott, one of the chief witnesses in the celebrated case was found dead in the bath room of the house where he made his home while in Harrisburg.

He is the sixth man in the case to die. His death was due to heart trouble.

Stott was secretary to the board of grounds and buildings which let many of the contracts for furnishing the capitol. He was one of the men who went to the bar of justice. He was a witness in two trials and was to take the stand in the case of Joseph M. Huston, architect of the capitol, whose trial will come up next month. Two of the six men who died were under a two years' sentence, one was awaiting trial and one had been indicted.

Besides these, one of the many men under indictment has been confined in an insane asylum.

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY.

Lincoln League Club Will Celebrate Martyred President's Nomination.

Chicago, Feb. 16.—The fiftieth anniversary of the Republican national convention in Chicago which nominated Abraham Lincoln for the presidency will be celebrated by the members of the Lincoln League of Illinois in the course of the day. Plans for the celebration were discussed last night at a meeting of the executive board of the league.

Tentative arrangements were made for an historically correct reproduction of the national convention complete in each detail.

SALE OF OLD LETTERS.

One Written by Benedict Arnold Brings \$121.

Boston, Feb. 16.—Autographs, letters and other documents, in the handwriting of John Adams, John Quincy Adams, and others, have been sold at a sale of effects from the estate of the Rev. Joseph W. Bates, who was president of Harvard shortly after the Revolution. An autograph letter written by Benedict Arnold to Major General Gates in the course of the campaigns of the Revolution, brought \$121.

LIVED HERE 16 YEARS.

Then Told Judge American Flag Was "Green and White."

New York, Feb. 16.—Harry Levine, a resident of New York's East side, after living 16 years in the United States, decided recently to become an American citizen. When he appeared in the federal court, his request Judge Bates asked him:

"What is the color of the American flag?" Levine pondered deeply. Finally he answered: "Green and white."

It was announced today that the court had denied application.

NO "JOY RIDING."

Mayor Gaynor's Fire Commissioner Orders Letters Foot High on Autos.

New York, Feb. 16.—Mayor Gaynor's new fire commissioner does not intend that any of the city automobiles owned by his department should be "joy riding."

He has issued an order that all the machines shall be marked with the letters "F. D. N. Y." and lettering, he declares, is to be in black, and a foot high.

FALLS INTO LINE.

Western League Will Adopt 168 Game Schedule.

Cooley the Only One to Favor the Short Route.

ARE IN A BAD TANGLE.

Unable to Straighten Out the Sunday Dates.

American League Adopts the 154 Game Plan.

Chicago, Feb. 16.—The Western league will play 168 games during the coming season. While no formal vote has been taken on that question, an overwhelming majority of the club owners have announced themselves as being in favor of the longer season. The season probably will open on April 20 and close on October 4.

Dick Cooley of Topeka is the only magnate who has said he is strongly in favor of a 154 game schedule. From present indications it appears the 168 game draft will be the only one submitted to the meeting. The draft calls for the opening on April 20, and the closing on October 4. The geographical conditions of the circuit are causing most of the trouble which still confronts the committee. Denver is isolated from the other seven clubs in such a manner that it makes it almost impossible properly to apportion the Sunday dates. As it now stands four clubs will have 12 Sundays and two will have 13 and the other two 11.

The committee has practically given up the task of trying to straighten out the Sunday dates. It probably will leave that to the league.

The schedule committee has asked that it be allowed to hold another meeting before submitting the schedule. This delayed the regular meeting until late in the afternoon.

American Will Play 154 Games.

Chicago, Feb. 16.—The American league will play 154 games during the coming season. It is expected that today's session will end the meeting. The schedule will probably be announced at the close of today's gathering.

The first business to come before the meeting was the adoption of a new agreement to replace the original one, which expired in November of this year. There appeared to be a decided feeling in favor of making the new agreement perpetual. This was discussed where he made his home while in Harrisburg.

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New York, Feb. 16.—Five to three in favor of the 168 game season was apparently the way the National league magnates stood when the struggle over the playing schedule was resumed today.

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Both sides rning declared their intention to stand pat and the prospects for speedy reconciliation did not appear bright. There were numerous consultations between the two sides during the morning and in some quarters hope was expressed that when they got together in the afternoon for the resumption of the league session, some sort of basis for a compromise might be reached.

The bitter factional feeling engendered by the Ward-Hoyden deal, and the December meeting, seemed to have broken out again, however, and it was difficult to guess what common ground for an agreement could be reached by the contending elements.

BIG SUM FOR YALE.

University Will Probably Get Third of Million Dollars.

Boston, Feb. 16.—A third of a million dollars will come into the possession of Yale university in the immediate future if the Suffolk county probate court decides to act favorably upon a petition filed today asking for the termination of the trust by which the estate of Edward E. Salisbury of New Haven was held. In his will Mr. Salisbury bequeathed to Yale a trust, the income of which was to be paid to the university for the life of the residue to go to Yale university.

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BILL POSTERS STRIKE.

Demand Scale of \$18 and \$21 a Week—Increase of \$3.

Chicago, Feb. 16.—The strike of bill posters against the American Postage Service was renewed yesterday as a result of a breaking off of arbitration negotiations. President Burnett Robbins of the company returned from New York and announced that officials of the concern in that city refused to sign a proposed agreement.

The strikers demand a scale of \$18 and \$21 a week, an increase of \$3 a week. The strike began last October. Originally most of the theaters were involved. The letters "F. D. N. Y." and lettering, he declares, is to be in black, and a foot high.

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UNDER 3 HEADS.

Probing into the Swope Mystery Is Continued.

TILLMAN IS STRICKEN.

Senator Is Taken Suddenly Ill on the Capitol Steps.

Washington, Feb. 16.—Senator Tillman of South Carolina was taken suddenly ill on the steps of the capitol today. Later he was removed to his home, where he is now under the care of a physician.

NEARLY TO ZERO.

Big Drop in Temperature All Over the Southwest.

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 16.—An extreme fall in temperature, ranging from 50 degrees at Sedalia, Mo., where it was 8 above zero today, to 22 degrees at Fort Smith, Ark., where it was 28 above, was recorded in the southwest today during the last 24 hours.

In parts of Kansas a blinding snow storm, accompanied by high winds, prevailed today. The storm was accompanied by hail and sleet. In this city, where the temperature fell 46 degrees since yesterday, it was 9 above zero this morning.

The local weather bureau reports the following changes in temperature during the last 24 hours:

Wichita, Kan., 6 degrees above zero, a fall of 32 degrees.

Dodge City, Kan., 4 degrees above, a fall of 36 degrees.

Okla. City, Okla., 7 degrees above, a fall of 47 degrees.

Albuquerque, N. M., 16 degrees above, a fall of 47 degrees.

The temperature has fallen from 30 to 44 degrees since yesterday in northern Texas and Iowa. A remarkable drop is recorded at Abilene, Tex., where the temperature is 24 this morning, after 82 registered yesterday.

Wind and Snow.

Albuquerque, N. M., Feb. 16.—Intensely cold weather, accompanied by heavy wind and snow, prevails over northern and central New Mexico today. Zero temperatures are reported from a number of places.

Street Cars Tied Up.

Guthrie, Okla., Feb. 16.—A storm that struck central and western Oklahoma today, accompanied by low temperature, has interfered with railroad traffic and telephone and telegraph service. Many wires are down and the street car system in this city is tied up.

At the state agricultural department it is predicted there will be a heavy loss of live stock on the ranges in western Oklahoma.

The storm continued during the day. A high wind added to its severity.

Blizzard in Colorado.

Denver, Colo., Feb. 16.—Snow driven by wind of almost hurricane violence and accompanied by an extreme drop in temperature, prevailed over eastern Colorado and Wyoming last night and today. A Denver plane glass dropped from 30 above yesterday morning to 2 above this morning.

At Greeley, Colo., a number of buildings were unroofed, trees uprooted and telephone and telegraphic service prostrated. At Loveland, Colo., a drop of 50 degrees in temperature was experienced. Snow began falling in the city, Steamboat Springs, Grand Junction, Buena Vista, Antonito and Central City, all report damage by high winds. In the mountains a blizzard raged for hours.

Blizzard at Wichita.

Wichita, Kan., Feb. 16.—The temperature dropped from 50 degrees above zero yesterday morning to 22 above this morning and with the drop came a wind-driven snowstorm that partakes strongly of the nature of a blizzard. Snow began falling in this section of the state at sunrise and continued during the day. It is not believed that fruit or live stock will suffer.

HONOR VASSAR GIRLS.

Each Receives a Red Rose as Token of Reward.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Feb. 16.—The names of the honor girls at Vassar college were announced today. Each student who is one of the most important of the college year. Each honor student has received a red rose from the faculty in token of the award.

The list includes 25 names, 15 of these being girls from New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and the New England states. The other 11 are distributed as follows:

Catherine Longworth Anderson, Grosse Ile, Mich.; Ruth Alden Pfeiffer, Janesville, Wis.; Charlotte Moffet Gay, Memphis, Tenn.; Helen Leslie, Memphis, Mo.; Gertrude Anna Mills, Decatur, Ill.; Helene Marie North, Lakewood, O.; Constance Elizabeth Plant, Cincinnati, Ohio; Katherine Schaefer, Logansport, Ind.; Mary Margaret Shelley, Louisville, Ky.; Caroline Beatrice Topping, Chicago, and Helen Wilhelmina Young, Hutchinson, Kan.

TIED UP U. P. SYSTEM.

Two Operators Stopped Wheels All Over Wyoming.

Rawlins, Wyo., Feb. 16.—It was learned today that the tieup of the entire Union Pacific system in Wyoming last Saturday was due to the action of two operators at Dana. These men celebrated Lincoln's birthday so earnestly that they refused to clear the trains, turned the red signal board, holding all fast mail trains and then hung out a sign at the door saying: "This office is closed." Railroad officials at Laramie finally got the sheriff and the men were arrested and will be prosecuted for delaying the mails.

"FEED MY CATS."

Dying Words of a St. Louis Man 98 Years Old.

St. Louis, Feb. 16.—Realizing he was about to die and that his two cats, his constant companions and only solace